IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Richmond Division

ePLUS INC.,)
Plaintiff,) Civil Action No. 3:09-CV-620 (REP)
v.	
LAWSON SOFTWARE, INC.,)))
)
Defendant.	,)

PLAINTIFF ePLUS, INC.'S MOTION TO PRECLUDE EVIDENCE OR ARGUMENT OF NON-INFRINGEMENT DUE TO DEFENDANT'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE DISCOVERY RELATING TO CUSTOMER-SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATIONS OF ACCUSED PRODUCT MODULES

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Exchange Place 53 State Street Boston, MA 02109-2881 Telephone: (617) 570-1000 Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(b)(2)(A), Plaintiff *e*Plus, Inc. ("*e*Plus") respectfully moves that the Court preclude Defendant Lawson Software, Inc. ("Lawson") from presenting any evidence or argument of non-infringement to the effect that *e*Plus has not proven or cannot prove which (or how many) components or modules of its accused systems that Lawson has implemented on a customer-by-customer basis. Notwithstanding a Court Order (Order of March 30, 2010 (Dkt. No. 194)), that compelled Lawson to provide a complete interrogatory answer on this very topic, Lawson refused to comply and to disclose this information.

Lawson now seeks to take advantage of its own refusal to provide relevant discovery, as it has become evident from Lawson's cross-examination of witnesses that it intends to argue at trial that there is insufficient proof to show which components or modules of its accused systems that it implemented on a customer-by-customer basis, and how often that has occurred. During a previous conference with the Court and the parties held on March 26, the Court ordered Lawson to provide the information sought by ePlus and stated, "And if somebody doesn't give you the information in discovery that you ask for that's pertinent to their defense they want to raise it, you say, I want to move the strike the defense because they said we weren't entitled to this and they didn't give it to us. Then wham, the door is shut on it." (Conf. Call Tr., 3/26/10) at 20:20-24 (emphasis added).

As the Court's admonition reflects, Lawson should not now be permitted to argue there is insufficient proof of facts that it refused to disclose in response to the Court's Order. *ePlus* therefore respectfully requests that the Court now exclude from the trial of this action any evidence and/or argument by Lawson to the effect that *ePlus* has not proven or cannot prove for which of Lawson's customers (or in what amount) Lawson has implemented its accused products and systems.

Respectfully submitted,

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